

**ANOTHER** annuity increase for retired federal employes and military persons will become effective Jan. 1. Also, present government workers who retire by Dec. 31 will get the increase.

Based on the rise in the consumer price index in recent months, the amount of the annuity increase will be at least 6 percent and possibly as much as 7 percent, Civil Service Commission officials predict.

The Jan. 1 annuity increase was triggered by the 1.8 percent rise in the CPI in August.

Based on the August CPI, the annuity increase would be at least 4.4 percent. However, the increase undoubtedly will be higher because the final amount will depend on the increases in the September and October indexes.

A federal annuity increase of 6.1 percent went into effect only last July.

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